

Robert Greene Sterne Jorge A. Goldstein David K.S. Cornwell Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Michele A. Cimbala Michael B. Ray Robert E. Sokohl Eric K. Steffe Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Linda E. Horner Robert C. Millonig Donald J. Featherstone Timothy J. Shea, Jr Michael V. Messinger Judith U. Kim Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Heidi L. Kraus
Eldora L. Ellison
Thomas C. Fiala
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Brian J. Del Buono
Edward W. Yee
Vincent L. Capuano
Virgil Lee Beaston
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Rae Lynn P. Guest
Daniel A. Klein

Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Triacy L. Muller
Jon E. Wright
Lunne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Gaby L. Longsworth
Lori A. Gordon
Laura A. Vogel
Bryan S. Wade
Bashir M.S. Ali
Shannon A. Carroll
Matthew E. Kelley
Michelle K. Holoubek
Marsha A. Rose*

Christopher J. Walsh W. Blake Coblentz* James J. Pohl* Young Tang John T. Haran* Mark W. Rygiel

Registered Patent Agents • Karen R. Markowicz Matthew J. Dowd Katrina Yujian Pei Quach Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Victoria S. Rutherford Simon J. Elliott Julie A. Heider Mita Mukherjee Scott M. Woodhouse Liliana Di Nola-Baron Peter A. Socarras Jeffrey K. Mills Danielle L. Letting Lori Brandes

Of Counsel Edward J. Kessler Kenneth C. Bass III Marvin C. Guthrie

*Admitted only in Maryland *Admitted only in Virginia Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

March 27, 2006

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8764
INTERNET ADDRESS: CWALSH@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Art Unit 1624

Mail Stop RCE

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/518,501; Filed: March 3, 2000 For: Novel Phosphorus-containing Prodrugs

Inventors: Erion et al.

Our Ref: 2358.0010002/RWE/CJW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
- 2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pleading;
- 3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet);
- 4. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet); and
- 5. Copies of nine (9) references (Documents B5 and C120-C127).

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents March 27, 2006 Page 2

Fee payment of \$790.00 for filing a Request for Continued Examination (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)) is being made through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Christopher J. Walsh Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 55,709

CJW/dab 511435_1.DOC Enclosures